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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF SOVIET AGENT DRAWS PRESS COMMENT

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1. THE EXPLUSION FROM SPAIN JULY 4 OF GENNADY SVESHNIKOV, DIRECTOR OF THE SPANISH-SOVIET MARITIME COMPANY INTRAMAR, FOLLOWING HIS ARREST BY AGENTS OF THE SPANISH HIGH GENERAL STAFF TWO DAYS BEFORE, HAS DRAWN ONLY MODERATE COVERAGE IN THE SPANISH PRESS. MOST OF THE STORIES LIMITED THEMSELVES TO WHAT LITTLE WAS REVEALED BY THE GOS, APPARENTLY INCLUDING HIS IDENTIFICATION AS A GRU EMPLOYEE AND THE FACT THAT WHEN ARRESTED (IN THE NEARBY CITY OF ARANJUEZ) HE TRIED TO THROW AWAY A PACKET OF DOMCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVING SPANISH NATIONAL SECURITY.

2. AS IN THE CASE OF THE SOVIET EXPELLED SOME FOURT MONTHS AGO (REFTEL, THE HEAVIEST COVERAGE HAS COME FROM THE SENSATIONALIST, LEFT-LEANING DIARIO 16, WHICH FOLLOWED UP ITS EARLY ACCOUNTS WITH A STORY CLAIMING THERE ARE 100 SOVIET AGENTS IN SPAIN. (THE COMPANION NEWSWEEKLY CAMBIO 16 ALSO REPORTED THAT THERE ARE AMLOST 2,000 "VOLUNTARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLLABORATORS".) ACCORDING TO DIARIO 16, THE 100 ARE NAMED IN A LIST COMPILED BY THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF'S INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, AND HAVE A "SPECIAL INTEREST" IN "THE AMERICAN BASES ON SPANISH TERRIROTY".

3. DIARIO 16 ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE GENERAL MISSION OF THE SOVIET AGENTS, THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ON SPAIN,

WAS ONE ALSO ENGAGED IN BY "AMERICAN AGENTS, WHO OPERATE  
WITH MORE DIRECT INFLUENCE IN THE DEEDS OF THE COUNTRY,  
STARTING FROM THE AMERICAN BASES".

4. WE NOTE THE POSSIBILITY -- AND IT IS ONLY THAT --  
THAT THE HEAVY DIARIO 16 COVERAGE OF THE EPISODE COULD  
STIMULATE "COUNTERBALANCING" ATTENTION TO THE CIA BY SOME  
SPANISH PUBLICATION. STABLER

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